

# Connectors

Connectors are words that link ideas in a text.

They can be classified according to their meaning:

- **Contrast:** (but, yet, in spite of, despite, although, though, even though, in spite of the fact, however, nevertheless, while, whereas)
- **Reason:** (because, as, since, because of, owing to)
- **Purpose:** (in order to, so as to, to, in order that)
- **Addition:** (for example, for instance, such as, in addition to, apart from, besides)
- **Sequence:** (First of all, to begin with, first, firstly, second, secondly, finally, in short, to sum up, in conclusion, lastly, last but not least)
- **Result:** (Therefore, as a result, consequently, for this reason)

## CONTRAST

**But / yet** (però, malgrat tot)

*The book is short yet (it's) interesting*

**In spite of/despite** (a pesar de)

+ Noun Phrase (sintagme nominal) / V-ing/pronoun

*In spite of/Despite the late hour, they went on with the meeting.*

*He arrived on time in spite of/despite getting up late.*

*The weather was cold, but they went on the trip in spite of/despite it/that*

**Although/though/even though/in spite of the fact** (encara que)

(introduce a subordinate clause)

*Although/though/even though/in spite of the fact that the students had not studied as hard as they could, they all passed their exams.*

**However** (malgrat tot)/**nevertheless** (no obstant)/**even so** (tot i això)/**on the one hand** (per una part) /**on the other hand/ on the contrary** (tot al contrari)

+ a comma + a complete sentence (*subject + Verb + objects*)

*She was quite ill. However/Nevertheless/Even so, she went to school.*

*On the one hand, the beach is fun. On the other hand, I don't like the sand.*

*"I thought you liked classical music" "On the contrary, I hate it"*

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**While/whereas** (mentre que)

+ complete sentence

*This soap opera is very interesting, while/whereas that one is quite boring.*

## REASON

**Because / as / since** (ja que, donat que, perquè)

+ complete sentence

*Because / As / Since it's late, we should all go home.  
We should all go home because / as / since it's late.*

**Because of / on account of / owing to / due to** (per, degut a, perquè ) + Noun phrase

*Because of / on account of / owing to / due to the weather, we stayed at home.  
We stayed at home because of/ on account of / owing to / due to the weather.*

## PURPOSE

**In order to / so as to / to** (per tal que, per)  
+ V (base form)

**In order that / so that** (per )  
+ sentence a modal verb

*She uses her video in order to / so as to / to record her favourite shows.  
She uses her video in order that / so that she can have a recording of her favourite shows.*

We can omit *that* in oral English in the expression *so that*:

*She studied all week so she could pass the test.*

For negative purpose: **so as not to / in order not to**

~~*She is studying not to fail*~~  
*She is studying so as not to fail*  
*She is studying in order not to fail*

## ADDITION

**For example / for instance / such as**

*Vegetables are a good source of vitamins; for example / for instance, peppers have vitamin C.  
Singers such as Eminem and Madonna are popular throughout the world.*

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## **Moreover / furthermore / in addition / besides** (a mes)

+ a comma + complete sentence

*I'm too busy to take a holiday. Moreover / Furthermore / In addition, I don't have the money.*

*I'm too fat to wear a pair of jeans. Besides, I haven't got the money to buy them.*

## **In addition to / as well as** (a més)

+ Noun phrase / V-ing

*In addition to classical music, she likes jazz.*

*The city has several main roads as well as a ring road around it.*

## Difference between **as well as / as well**

*My aunt has got a cottage as well as a mansion.*

*My aunt has a cottage and a mansion as well.*

## **Apart from / except** (for) (a excepció de)

*Apart from English, she speaks three other foreign languages.*

*He eats nothing except (for) bread and fish.*

## **SEQUENCE**

These connectors are used to give an order to ideas. They are followed by a comma!

***First of all / To begin with / First / Firstly**, we should talk to the manager.*

***Second / Secondly / Then**, we must make a detailed plan. The next stage is to view.....*

***Finally / In short / To sum up / In conclusion / Lastly / Last but not least**, we need to have good ideas before we present our plan to the whole company.*

## **RESULT**

**Therefore / as a result / consequently / for this reason** (per això, com a conseqüència, per aquesta raó). Thus (more formal)

*Tina keeps her car in good condition. Therefore / As a result / Consequently / For this reason, it always passes its annual road test.*

## **As a result of = as a result**

+ noun phrase / V-ing

*As a result of the heavy rain, cars had to stop.*

*As a result of being late, he was not given the prize.*